

MEETING MINUTES
Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting

Wednesday, 18 September 2013
 10:03 AM to 11:32 PM
 51 Commerce Drive room 414, Augusta

*The Board meets regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
 Call In: (877) 455-0244 (ID: 3673522033)*

Attending	Present	Phone
Dubois Mountain, Aimee		X
Fitzgerald, Betsy		
Giles, Jon	X	
Hanson, Bill	X	
Kroot, Christopher	X	
Murchinson, Ken		
Norris, Brian	X	
Smith, Michael	X	
Taus, Alina	X	
Valentine, Vinton		X
Walters, Dan	X	
Young, Joseph		
Guests:		
Truman, Angel (notes)	X	
Weston, Aaron (CAI)	X	
Rooney, Paul (ESRI)	X	

AGENDA / NOTES

1. Introductions – Guests: Aaron Weston (CAI Technologies); Paul Rooney (ESRI) noted that he has replaced John Cassidy.
2. Approval of June meeting minutes – Chair – approval tabled until next month.
3. Membership Update
 - o Chair – Steven Weed has resigned as Chair and Member of the Board per his email earlier this month. **ACTION:** Bill Hanson agreed to act as Chair the remaining 2013 meetings.
 - o Public Seat – Vacant, due to Steven Weed’s resignation. Aaron Weston stated that he might be interested in public seat.
 - o UMaine Seat – Vinton Valentine reappointed, sworn in with term expiring 22 Jun 2016.
 - o Municipal Seat – Aimee Dubois Mountain’s term expires 11/29/13. Board is currently seeking a replacement. **ACTION:** Jon Giles will follow up with Vern Maxfield, Woodstock Town Manager.
 - o Environmental Seat – Vacant. Bob Houston has declined. **ACTION:** Bill Hanson will inquire will inquire with another Environmental group.
4. Executive Director Update – Mike Smith - will announce tomorrow , pay range 27, confidential position, and applications to be open for 2 weeks. The Search Committee (Mike Smith, Bill Hanson, Dan Walters) will review and recommend a candidate to bring to the Board for approval.
5. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups
 - Coordination & Communication – Mike Smith, Dan Walters
 - MEGUG Summer School (June) - Mike Smith attended
 - MAPPs Meeting (July) – Mike Smith presented. Governor did not use Mike’s provided bullet points about the Ortho/LiDAR program.
 - MCCA (Maine County Commissioners Association) - Convention of Maine Counties – Sept 13-15 @ Sugarloaf Mountain
 - MMA (Maine Municipal Association) - October 2-3 @ Augusta Civic Center
 - MSLS (Maine Society of Land Surveyors) – Fall Meeting - October 4 @ Goodwill-Hinkley School, Fairfield
 - GeoParcels update – Mike Smith
 - Last minute changes continue. Still some assessing data to collect that towns have not yet provided. Extended until end of October. The last of 6 lots to be delivered are problematic towns. Next: think about maintenance of the data going forward.
 - Geoparcels Viewer – in final testing. **ACTION:** Geoparcels Viewer will be demonstrated at the October Board meeting

- Maine Revenue Service has backlog of 5000 updates, over 5 years not completed. CAI Technologies is under contract. When completed, the data will be available in the MEGIS Parcel Viewer.
 - It was noted that the former LURC is now LUPC (Land Use Planning Commission)
 - Education & Training – Vinton Valentine
 - MEGUG Summer School was successful.
 - Mapping technology for Maine 7-12 Schools Grant application to NSF Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) Strategies program declined. Will resubmit updated proposal for anticipated Jan due date
 - MEGUG and Educators in ME Conference on 25 Oct in Bangor. Contact Pat Cunningham, who is program chair.
 - NEARC Fall Conference in Nashua, Sep 29 Oct 2.
 - Geospatial Data – Dan Walters, Mike Smith
 - Ortho update - final 3-inch data received this week., 6-inch data being reviewed for seam issues. Concern regarding interest in the 2014 collection. Penobscot is in. Hancock seems to be dragging. Washington County has no money. Important that the municipalities know to tell their County Commissioners that they need this.
 - LiDAR update - 560k project under contract through USGS, majority of the funding is from USDA
 - LiDAR Funding Models – Will be a major objective of Executive Director.
 - FGDC Cat 6 Grants - none this year or next...sequestration at work. These have allowed strategic planning in the past.
6. Committee Reports
- Financial Committee – Chair – no report
 - Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine – no report
 - Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot
 - GeoPortal Update and Discussion – Future of the Portal
 - USM meetings - able to extend to end of 2013, then no place to house portal. Many questions and much discussion ensued.
 - Still no progress on the migration
 - Christopher checked out portal list of other states.
 - Looking at Geoportal Server, open source by ESRI. Christopher may know this month if it will work, pending ESRI support.
 - Where to house it, will need to be figured out by Mike Smith. Note, not the same as the portal for ArcGIS Server. Looking at co-locating the server.

- Board can't afford the operating expenses that would be incurred.
- May need to pay someone to do the migration. Apparently there is 12k that might be able to be used, but restrictions on that spending need to be researched thoroughly.
- Vinton asked if the UMS could host it...Christopher says no.
- Is there a like-minded organization that will take this on ...for free? Not that many organizations even have metadata servers.
- Discussion with MEGUG needed?
- Mike: Maybe the whole idea of having a metadata portal is outdated...10 years old?
- Dan: Perhaps the UMaine Library system?
- If we retreat to HTML records only, will it work? Chris says it gets more complicated
- How active is the Geoportal currently? What is the need? Are there statistics on use?
- Harlan Onsrud and the Maine Geographic Commons...what is status of that?

ACTION ITEMS regarding GeoPortal:

- **ACTION:** Address two Qs: Should we have a metadata portal at all? If so, how to reallocate the 12k to make that happen?
- **ACTION:** Vinton Valentine to look into UMaine solutions
- **ACTION:** Dan Walters to look into Government solutions
- The Board needs to prioritize this relative to other needs.
- **ACTION:** Mike Smith will check with other states (i.e., MassGIS (Christian) and NH (Faye)).
- **ACTION:** Brian Norris will check with Harlan Onsrud regarding the status of Maine Geographic Commons. (confirmed that the program is indeed defunct)

7. Guest Comments – Paul Rooney and Aaron Weston hope to attend again.
8. Recommendations for Next Agenda - to be focused mostly on:
 - Geoportal
 - Chairperson logistics
 - **Next Meeting: October 16**